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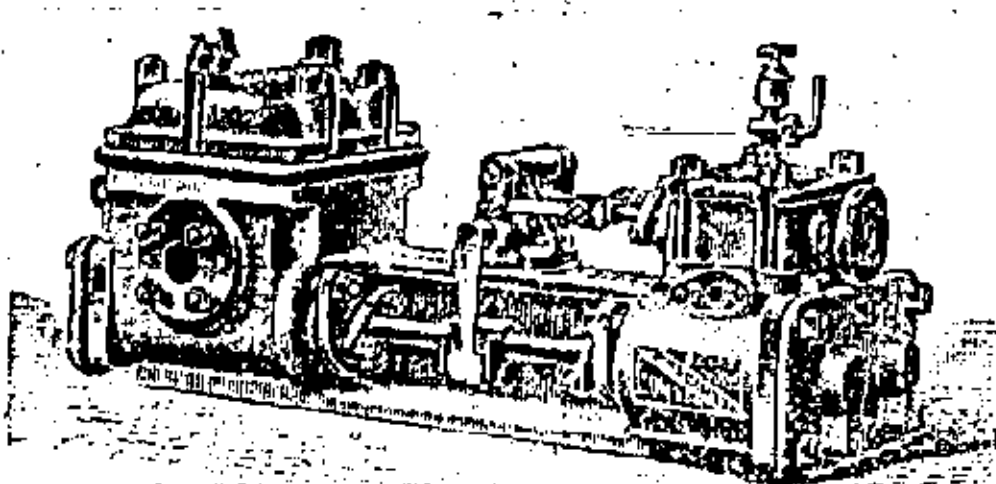
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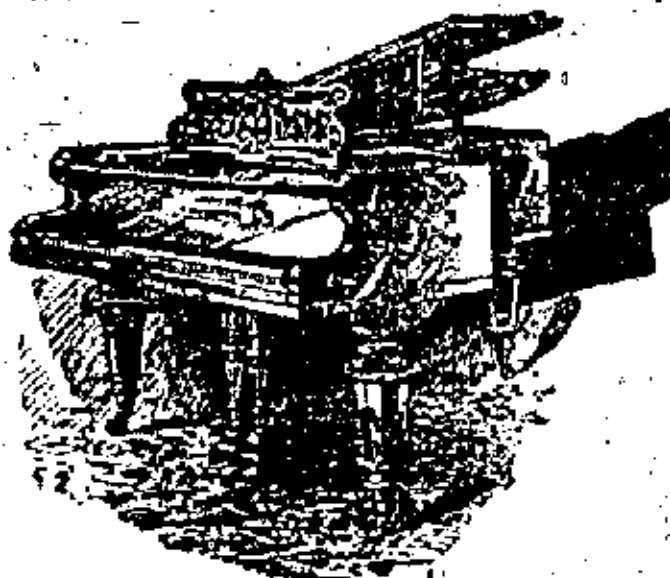
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—C. P. R. Co.'s steamer *Empress of India* leaves for Vancouver (B.C.) &c.

Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of Surplus Stores, &c., at Central Police Station.

Meeting.

5 p.m.—Meeting of Proposed New Rifle Corps in the St. Andrew's Hall.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, June 28.—Goods per *Valdeira* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

SATURDAY, June 30.—Goods per *Kinkat* not cleared before noon subject to rent.

MONDAY, July 2.—3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Shaukiwan.

3.15 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Peak Road.

TUESDAY, July 3.—11.30 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property, known as Nos. 8 and 13, Upper Lascar Row, by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, No. 4, Queen's Building.

Interim Dividend of 4% or \$1.50 per Share, of the Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd., payable.

WEDNESDAY, July 4.—11 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Furniture, at the Mount Richmond, by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

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BIRTHS.

At 37, Seward Road, Shanghai, on the 20th instant, the Wife of ROWLAND R. WALKER, I. M. Customs, of a Son.

At 28, Seward Road, Shanghai, on the 18th instant, the Wife of DAVID TIANHUN, of a Daughter.

At 51, Rida Range Road, Shanghai, on the 19th of June, the Wife of J. TREVON SMITH, British and Foreign Bible Society, of a Son.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.00 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1900.

Editorial Comment.

The question of a European Reservation on the Kowloon Peninsula is of urgent importance and cannot be shelved by the necessary rejection of the scheme held before the Sanitary Board. A resolution carried by a majority of four to three with three abstentions is very weak in an authoritative expression of opinion, and indeed the proposed reservation in the form in which it was brought forward is manifestly impossible. The section that is naturally designed to be the business centre of the community cannot possibly be a reservation. Alas that it will cease in a few years' time to be residential and will have to be covered by godowns, stores and blocks of offices. A graver objection is the interference with the much-maligned rights of property. In common justice the Government cannot sell a man a building lot and a few years later debate to him the manner in which he is to use it, except under circumstances in which the public interests are far greater than in the present case. The section proposed has been already largely bought up by men who foresee the coming extension of the trade and importance of the place and who cannot afford to waste it in villages built upon half-acre lots, and these purchasers are entitled to a speculative return for a speculative investment. At the same time a European Reservation is an absolutely necessary provision. The Peak will soon be over-built in spite of the opening up of new sites by covering the Hill District with a network of roads, and in the Peak and Kowloon we have the only places where Europeans can live a healthy tropical life. Nothing is clearer in the matter than that, on this side, residence is impossible within the city limits below the Causeway level and that in a purely residential area the future of the colony is at stake. On the other side the Chinese are crowding Europeans out of Tsimshatsui and the infestation is destined at no distant date to give way to a demand for office and commercial accommodation. It is then the duty of the Government to mark out a sufficient reservation on land that it owns or can acquire beyond this part. The Sanitary Board contains experts who can easily select portions which are to water supply, freedom from malaria and exposure to wholesome breezes will meet the requirements of the case and the only objection that can be raised will be that of means of communication. This is a bugbear that terrifies no intelligent mind. If roads, trams or ferries are required they will be made and the impossibility of today is the familiar and common place achievement of to-morrow. It is vain to talk of anything of this kind as impracticable. If a thing has to be done it will be done and 'impossible' only means 'a little harder than usual.' A reservation, healthy, open and accessible is an absolute necessity. The portion at present proposed is forbidden by justice and a fair conception of the future needs of the colony. The question is a pressing one and we have a right to look to the Sanitary Board and the Government to lose no time in modifying and advancing the proposals for its immediate accomplishment.

Chinese Domestic.

'A Matron' writes to a home paper:

Has the idea of importing Chinamen as domestic servants never crystallized? Can not some system of Chinese immigration be inaugurated for the assistance of the overworked matron? British domestic servants grow scarcer day by day. No difficulties on the score of climate need be feared, as the winters of some portions of the immense Celestial Empire are rigorous in the extreme.

Yessels at the Dock.—At Kowloon U.S.S. *Montgomery*, *Changfeng*, *Freiburg*, *Saigunika*, *Pausung*, *Min*.

Cannopailan, *Goodwin*, *Abenden*, *Milo*.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:

On the 26th at 11.55 a. Barometric changes are slight. The depression is still visible in the Sea of Japan, and pressure is highest to the E. of Formosa. Gradients slight for S.E. to S.W. winds on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—moderate S. winds; squally showers.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The troopship *Hinsing* on her way up to Taku had to take shelter in Anby from a heavy N.E. gale.

A Chinaman fell down the hold of one of the vessels in the Harbour, yesterday, and was killed on the spot. His body was taken to the Mortuary.

The return of plague cases up to noon on the 26th June showed that 10 fresh cases and 10 deaths occurred during the preceding 24 hours.

At Shaukiwan, yesterday, one of the walls of a house fell on a poor carpenter, whose house it was. The man was severely injured and was removed to Hospital.

We have received letters from French and Portuguese correspondents respecting the defence of the Colony which will be published to-morrow.

From our advertisement columns it will be noticed that a meeting in connection with the formation of a proposed new Rifle Corps will be held in St. Andrew's Hall on Wednesday next at 5 p.m. All interested in the matter are invited to attend.

Sale of Crown Land.

At the Public Works Department Offices yesterday afternoon, Mr G. J. W. King exposed for sale by public auction seven lots of land in Temple Street, Yau-mai, and one lot at Mao-Tan-Kok, Kowloon. Kowloon Lot 1097, with an annual rent of \$459 was sold for \$29,350=69 cents per square foot to So Sun for Pan Sing. The lots were numbered in rotation. The next lot has an annual rent of \$75, and was sold to Lee Koo and Tam Ho for \$4,000, or 84 cents per square foot. Chan Shau bought the next lot for \$6,740, or 90 cents a foot; Lau Hip Choo the adjoining piece of ground at \$9,820 or 91 cents a foot, and Mr A. J. Raymond the next lot at \$7,500 or 81 a foot. Each of these three lots has an annual rental of \$103. Lot 1093 was sold for \$9,040 or 81 a foot to Lee Koo and Tam Ho; Lot 1093 was sold for \$9,220 or 81.02 per foot to Tam Ho. The Crown lots of these lots are 124 each. K. T. Loat 1,094, situated at Mao-Tan-Kok, was sold for \$9,000 or six cents a foot to Panchard, Lowther and Co. The first seven lots are to be used for the erection of Chinese tenements. The last is for an industry.

Death of Mr George Withers.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* of May 2 has the following:—The news of the death of Mr George Withers, at Melbourne, the superintendent of the Penitentiary and Oriental S. N. Company in Australia, was received with general regret yesterday in Sydney. For the past 20 years he had occupied a conspicuous figure in shipping circles, and had endeared himself to a great many Australians. A man of an unusually quiet manner, but of a very generous nature, Mr Withers was perhaps one of the most popular managers the great British company ever had. His tact and judgment were of the highest order, and it may be said that the remarkable progress of the P. and O. in this country was due to the influence of the late chief superintendent. Mr Withers had grown up in the old company's service, and was an officer in the Shanghai branch before receiving his appointment to Melbourne. The notice of his death was posted yesterday in the *Merchants' Exchange*, where as at the offices of that company and other shipping buildings, flags were flying half-mast.

Freedom of Mosquitoes.

Interesting experiments have been conducted in Sassari by Dr Ferni, Dr Lamboni, and Dr Cossu-Rosen, with object of freeing that town from mosquitoes. The larvae were destroyed by means of petroleum placed in the puddles and other breeding grounds twice a month, and the mosquitoes exterminated by means of chlorine and other desiccating agents. Dr Ferni considers it possible to free any town from mosquitoes by this method unless its situation is exceptionally unfavourable. The expense, for a town of 50,000 people, is from £40 to £60 a year.

400,000 Men as Reserve.

Some people have an idea that there are very few troops left in the United Kingdom. It seems cruel to destroy the illusion (particularly in the minds of the ardent pro-Buys in Paris), but, as a matter of fact, declares *The Regiment*, when the rest of the Militia have been embodied there will be some 170,000 men under arms in the United Kingdom, without reckoning a single Volunteer in the number. This is about 70,000 men more than the usual 100,000 Regulars serving at home, and as the Volunteers now number nearly 250,000, there is available, in case of need, for the defence of the kingdom upwards of 400,000 men.

The Best Soldier.

Sir George White had a heavy wedding, it goes without saying, at the Triennial Festival Dinner in connection with those useful institutions, the Houses for Working Boys in London. George White said that he had heard with pleasure of boys belonging to the Houses being in Lysander. He could only hope that these boys, before they would find themselves for any day, they might be required of them. They must beware of the folly that it was the reckless and lawless man who made the best soldier. When it came to taking the place of a comrade who had died, say, on picket duty, it was the quick steady man that stepped into the breach.

THE NAVIGATION OF THE WEST RIVER.

LI HUNG CHANG'S DESPATCH.

The following is the portion of a despatch from Li Hung Chang relating to the slowing down of steamers at Larkoo:

April 14, 1900.

With respect to the slowing of the steamer *Lung-Kong* by people at Larkoo I find that the river at Larkoo is in my opinion a narrow and shallow channel, and the current runs swiftly. When steamers arrived at this place they were formerly obliged to go slowly; if they did not, collisions with small boats were inevitable and people were drowned. It is not known whether this occurred, but it is for this reason that the people and the steamer living on the two banks of the river, when they see steamers coming too fast, throw stones to make them go slowly. They do this in a perfectly innocent way, and it is quite evident that the people at Larkoo are in a place within my jurisdiction, and the steamer in question although it flies a foreign flag is run by people of this District. *Lung-kong* is very close to Larkoo and the danger of collisions is very great. As the steamer did not slow down it seems difficult specially to blame the village people for throwing stones. I have already ordered the elders and gentry of the place to put a stop to the stone throwing, and to the owners of the steamer, and to the people living there and I am afraid it will prove difficult to point out who throw the stones and put a stop to it.

I request that a despatch may be written to the Consul to issue instructions to the Captains of steamers hereafter when they arrive at Larkoo that they must slow down and proceed at a moderate pace so that collision with small boats may be avoided.

JAPANESE ARROGANCY IN FORMOSA.

Disgraceful Treatment of Foreigners.

We have received many complaints of late regarding the treatment of foreigners by Japanese officials in Formosa. These complaints are not against the officials of high rank, who are held in high esteem by the foreign residents, and are always ready to remedy any grievance that is brought to their notice. The trouble appears to arise from the ignorance of the subordinate officials and might easily be avoided if the responsible officials would see to it that those under them are informed of the civilised methods of government. An instance of the ignorance of the Japanese police has been cited to us, the occurrence having taken place about a fortnight ago.

In Japan it appears to be the law that the tenants of any property should sweep the entrance to their premises, but the ignorant Japanese policeman in Formosa appears to think that the tenant of a property should have the public road sweeping along the whole length of the property. About a fortnight ago a Japanese policeman in Amoy entered the private quarters of the European engineer of the South Formosa Ice Company, Ltd. (a British subject), and insolently told the man's wife to have the public road swept. She called her husband and the policeman ordered him to sweep the public road. The engineer misunderstood the policeman and thought he referred to the premises which the tenant swept were perfectly clean. The policeman, however, pointed to the road and made him understand that he wanted it swept. The engineer objected and said he knew nothing about the road. The policeman then ordered him to go to the station with him, which he did quite peacefully. In passing his employer's house, he called out to a gentleman in the verandah and told him what had happened. In presence of a large crowd of Chinese the Japanese policeman caught hold of the European by the arm and hustled him along the hand. The gentleman on the verandah called upon him to go along quietly and he would come along to the station. When the Britisher who had witnessed the occurrence reached the station, the Inspector said that there had been some mistake—that the man who was arrested did not understand Japanese and the policeman did not understand English. The matter was reported to the British Consul, and the Consul, the manager of the Ice Company and the engineer went round to the Police Station. The Consul demanded the reason for the outrage, and said they must not treat British subjects as if they were coolies. The Inspector again said it was a misunderstanding and wished to apologise. The Consul would not accept any apology and wrote to the Governor of Taiwan reporting the matter. The Governor at once dismissed the policeman and reprimanded the Inspector, telling him he must be more careful in future in his treatment of foreigners.

Rifle Clubs without Red Tape.

Lord Salisbury has spoken so strongly and with such evident conviction on the subject of Rifle Clubs that it is absolutely impossible that the subject can now be allowed to sleep. The Government is committed to doing everything that can possibly be done to encourage the movement. It remains to be considered what is the best method of encouragement. In our opinion, the first thing for the Government to do, while giving help in the way of supplying rifles and ammunition cheaply, is to see that the movement is not strangled by red-tape, and to meet out for free and voluntary character being maintained. *Speedier*.

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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

London, 24th June.

General Buller, writing from Standerton 24th inst., says that 401 Yeomanry and 180 Highlanders who were captured at Lindley and Heilbron had arrived on the 18th inst. The majority were in good health.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE AMERICAN FLEET AT TAKU.

The U.S. Ships *Monadnock* and *Brooklyn* have been ordered to Taku.

THE JAPANESE PRINCES IN GERMANY.

Prince Kotokichi has visited Prince Henry at Kiel and dined on board the *Tobenz*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SALE OF ARMS.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

HONGKONG, 26th June, 1900.

Sir,—I see by an express circulated about noon to day, that tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Central Police Station, there will, amongst other various lots, be put up for public auction a large quantity of arms, Mauser and other rifles, bayonets, revolvers and pistols, with sundry ammunition—gunpowder, &c. Does this not seem a remarkably strange proceeding in the face of the present state of uneasiness which, apart from the North, is known to exist in our midst?

There are two glaring queries in this connection which I would venture to submit for public explanation. They are these:

1.—Suppose native dealers become the purchasers of these lots, will permits be granted to ship them away from the Colony and where to?

2.—If such permits are not to be granted and the arms are put force to remain in the Colony, is the Government prepared to give any guarantee that they will not be used against the white population? or will the Government only too willingly pose as accessories to the crime that may result?

Should these two queries not come to the scope of their programme, I would suggest that the said arms be withdrawn from the Auction Catalogue at once. Rather than have to lament the loss of any of my European brothers through such a careless distribution of deadly weapons at a moment like the present, I would prefer to see the lot at the bottom of the harbour or somewhere deeper place where there is no use.—Yours,

SPECTATOR.

THE RE-ENLISTMENT OF EX-SOLDIERS.

The following Royal Warrant has been issued with reference to the re-enlistment of ex-soldiers for service at home and abroad:

Whereas We deem it expedient to increase the establishment of Our Army:

It is Our Will and Pleasure that a limited number of ex-soldiers who have been discharged from Our Army, shall be allowed to rejoin the colours under the following conditions:

1. They must have completed 12 years' service with the colours, or with the colours and in the Army reserve together.

2. They must not have borne a 'very bad' or 'indifferent' character; and preference shall be given to men of good character.

3. They must be under 37 years of age.

4. Their further service shall be until attaining the age of 41, or until completing 21 years' total service, if this shall occur before attaining the age named; provided that in no case shall the period of further service be less than 4 years.

5. They will, if accepted, rejoin in the rank which they held on discharge, and, in addition to the pay of such rank, will receive messing allowance, and resume the rate of good conduct pay of which they were in receipt at the time of their discharge. Each man will receive a free kit.

6. They will, if married, be regarded as such on the married establishment, and entitled to the usual privileges for the families. If public accommodation is not available, messing allowance will be granted.

7. Previous unfortified service in the Army, or in any section of the Army reserve, shall be added to their service after re-enlistment and reckoned as continuous with it for purposes of pension.

8. All men accepted shall be entitled to pension on discharge upon completing the term of their new engagement. The rate will be those prescribed by Our Warrant for Pay, &c., of the Army, according to the amount of their 'qualifying service' under both attestations, and including reserve service.

9. The cases of men invalided before completing the period of service, or qualifying service, ordinarily entitling to permanent pension, shall be specially considered.

Given at St. James's Palace, this 31st day of March, 1900, in the 33rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command, LANSDOWNE.

TO DISPENSE WITH ICE.

We should think that there would be a good demand in Hongkong for cool air laid on all the year round! Yet this is the latest scheme in New York; only there it will only be wanted part of the year. An agitation is growing rapidly at New York against the ice trade, which has suddenly raised prices by 120 per cent., and decided no longer to sell fire cool, pieces to the poor. Boss Croker, Mayor Van Wyck and other leading Tammanyites are stated by the Press to be prominent stockholders. Ice is regarded as one of the necessities of life, and the popular indignation is intense. Mass meetings and demonstrations are being organised and legal action is demanded to suppress the Trust as a criminal combination. Experts say that the ice, which is being sold now at 12 dollars a ton, is only a poor quality of ice, and that a good quality of ice can be made for 1 dollar a ton. Meanwhile in Washington a Company is being incorporated to dispense with ice. It purposes to establish plant for cooling the air by the same process as is used for liquefying it, and to lay pipes of cool air into ordinary dwellings, houses.

The Blood is the source from which our systems are built up, and from whence derive our mental as well as our physical energies. If the blood is diseased the body is diseased. Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Rheumatism, Eczema, and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of any kind are solicited to give Clark's world-famous Blood-Mixture a trial to see the value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 25c per bottle. Beware of cheap imitations and get the name and what they have attempted and

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

TIENTSIN RELIEVED.

A private firm in the Colony received a wire from Shanghai this morning intimating that Tientsin had been relieved on 23rd June. It is believed that the contingents from H.M.S. *Terrible* and the *Hinsing* have reached the settlements.

